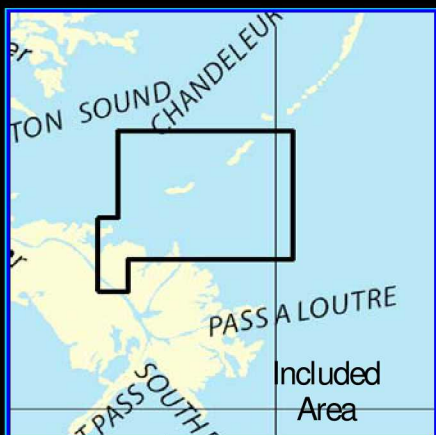


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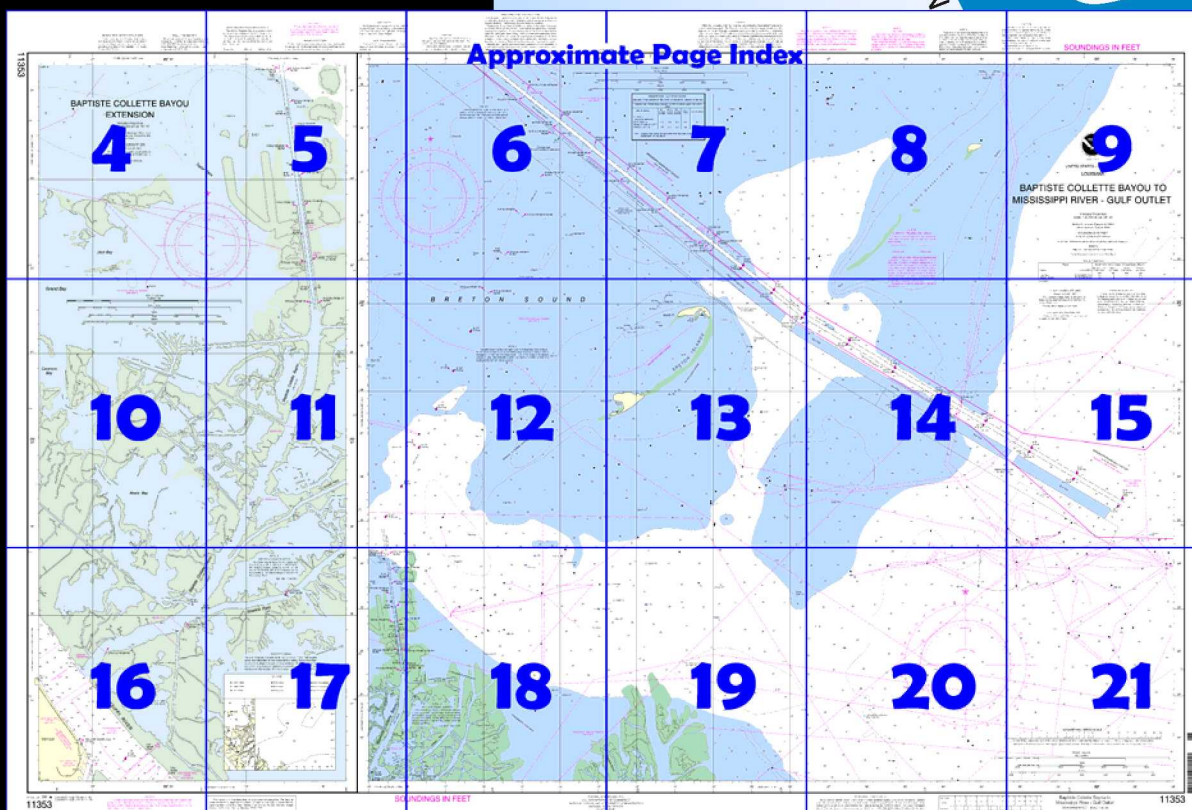
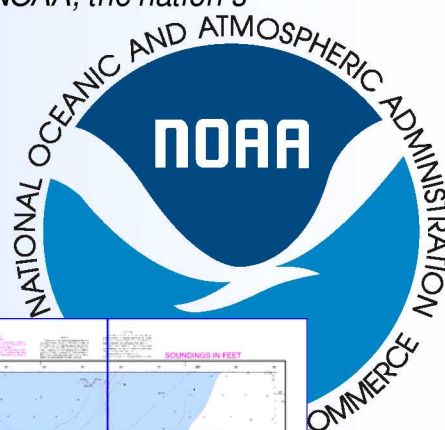
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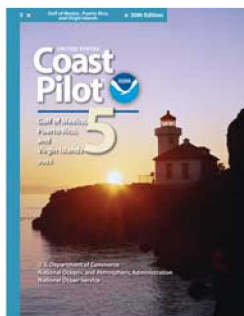
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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

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[Coast Pilot 5, Chapter 9 excerpts]

(4) **Mississippi River** empties into the N central part of the Gulf of Mexico through a number of mouths or passes which, taken together, form the delta of the river. The river and its tributaries form the largest network of navigable waters in the world. The two principal passes, South Pass and Southwest Pass, are 1,600 nautical miles from New York, 500 nautical miles from Key West, 300 nautical miles E of Galveston, and 440 nautical miles E of Corpus Christi. The river

is the access to the Ports of New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and the numerous cities in the central part of the United States located in the Mississippi River Valley and along its tributaries, the Ohio, Missouri, Red, Tennessee, and other rivers flowing into it. From the mouth, at the entrance to Southwest Pass, it is 1,840 miles to Minneapolis, 1,960 miles

to Pittsburgh, 1,680 miles to Knoxville, and 1,530 miles to Chicago via the Illinois Waterway.

(17) **Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal.** Use of the outlet canal by ships and other commercial and pleasure craft is continuing to increase. The hazards existing to a small-boat operator on this waterway cannot be over emphasized.

(18) It is understood, however, that ships must maintain sufficient headway at all times in order that the vessel can be controlled. Consequently, small-craft operators should approach and pass ships with extreme caution and with one thought in mind, the safety of their own vessel and its occupants.

(19) As a large ship moves in the waterway a wave is pushed ahead. As it comes abreast of a given point a suction effect is created that abruptly drops the water level in the channel and the water is drawn off the banks of the waterway. The violence of the reaction depends on the speed and draft of the ship.

(20) As the ship passes, the displaced water rushes back toward the banks and could possibly capsize or throw a small boat onto the bank. Shortly after the ship has passed, waves cause severe agitation along the banks.

(29) **Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal** is a 66-mile-long deepwater channel that extends NW from deep water in the Gulf of Mexico to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal at New Orleans. The Federal project provides for an entrance channel 38 feet deep for 8.3 miles to the entrance to Breton Sound between Grand Gosier Islands and Breton Islands, thence 36 feet deep across Breton Sound NW for 20.3 miles where it enters a landcut, thence 36 feet through the landcut for 32.2 miles where it joins the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway at Mile 13.6E, thence through the waterway for about 5 miles to a turning basin at its junction with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal at New Orleans. The approach to the landcut is protected by stone retention dikes on both sides of the channel; the NE dike is about 2.6 miles long, and the SW dike is 5.5 miles long. The channel is well marked with aids.

(30) In 1991, the Associated Branch Pilots, Port of New Orleans, advised that vessels with a fresh water draft greater than 33 feet should not use the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Canal due to shoaling in various parts of the channel.

(118) **Venice** is a fishing and marine repair center on the W side of Grand Pass just inside The Jump. Oil companies have service and repair bases, and drilling mud, pipe, and equipment are loaded here for the offshore drilling rigs in the Gulf. Boatyards have a 150-ton lift and cranes to 100 tons; hull and engine repairs are made. Oil well platforms are built at Venice. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, provisions, marine supplies, berths, a 3-ton lift, and ramps are available at marinas. A Corps of Engineers wharf is on the W side just N of The Jump. Wharves and small-craft landings are at Venice on Grand Pass and on the W side of the river between Venice and Boothville. Bus service is available to New Orleans from Venice on State Route 23, which runs along the W side behind the levee.

(120) **Baptiste Collette Bayou**, on the E side of the river 11.5 miles AHP, connects the Mississippi River with Breton Sound. The entrance from Breton Sound is protected by jetties. In June 2002, the controlling depth was 8 feet across the bar in Breton Sound; thence in 1997-March 2002, 11 feet to the Mississippi River. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

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HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

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North American Datum of 1983
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SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1.

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CAUTION

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NOTE S

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BAPTISTE COLLETTE BAYOU
The controlling depth in the bar channel was 4 feet for a width of 250 feet to 29°21'43"N, 89°18'08"W, thence 10 feet for a width of 125 feet to 29°20'00"N, 89°18'30"W, thence 14 feet for a width of 150 feet to the junction with the Mississippi River.
Apr 1997 - Sep 2009

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

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SOURCE DIAGRAM
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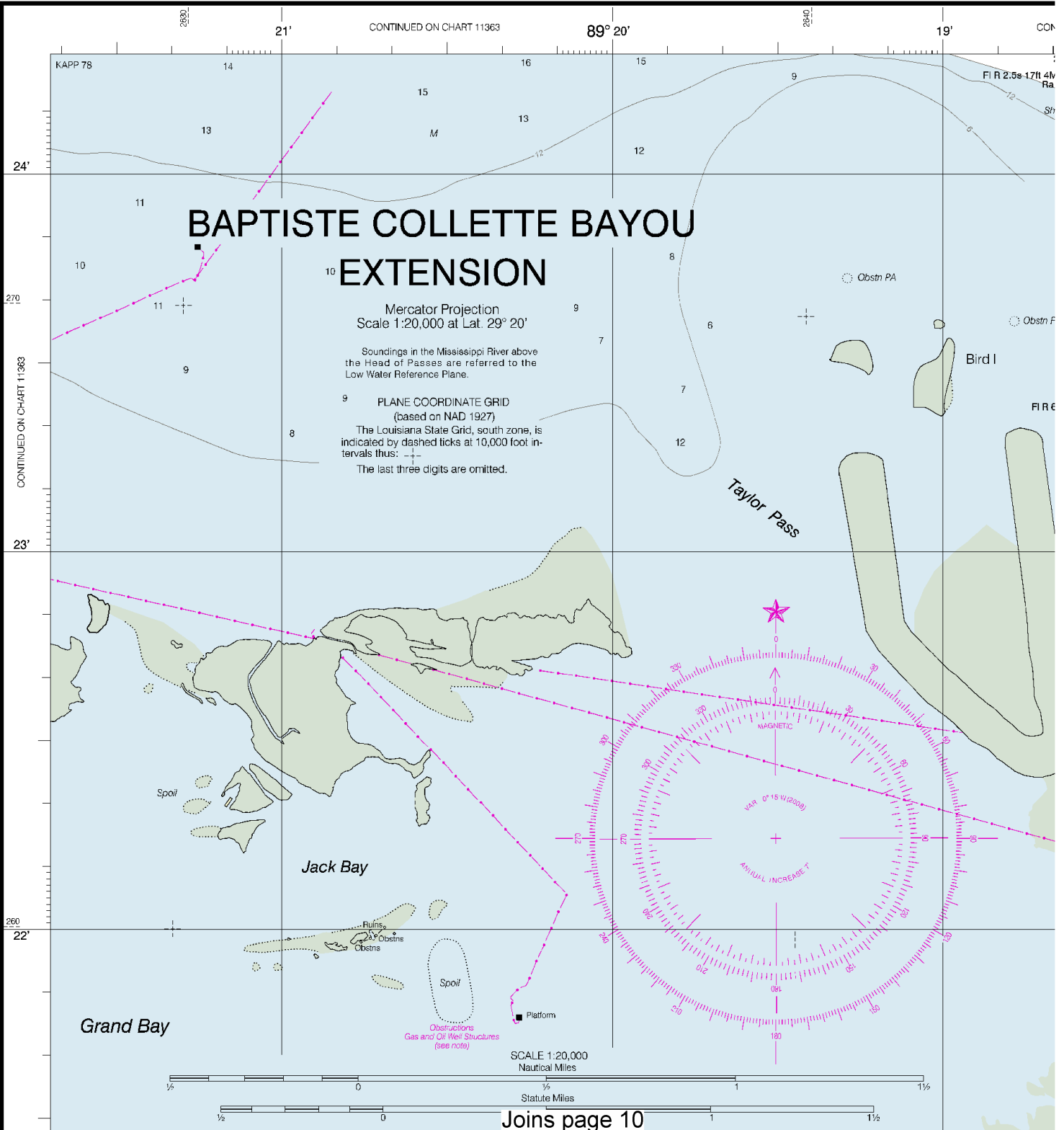
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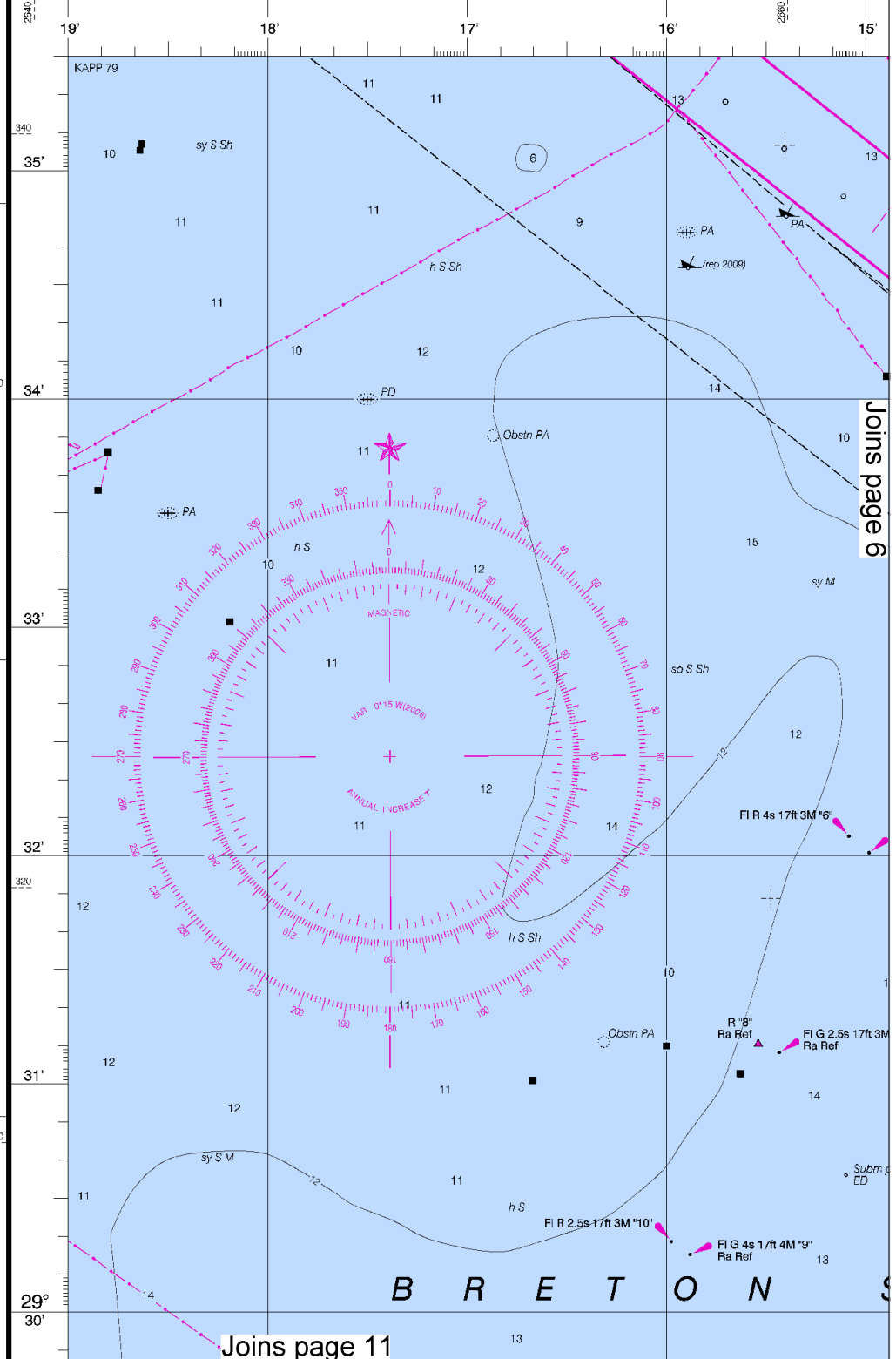
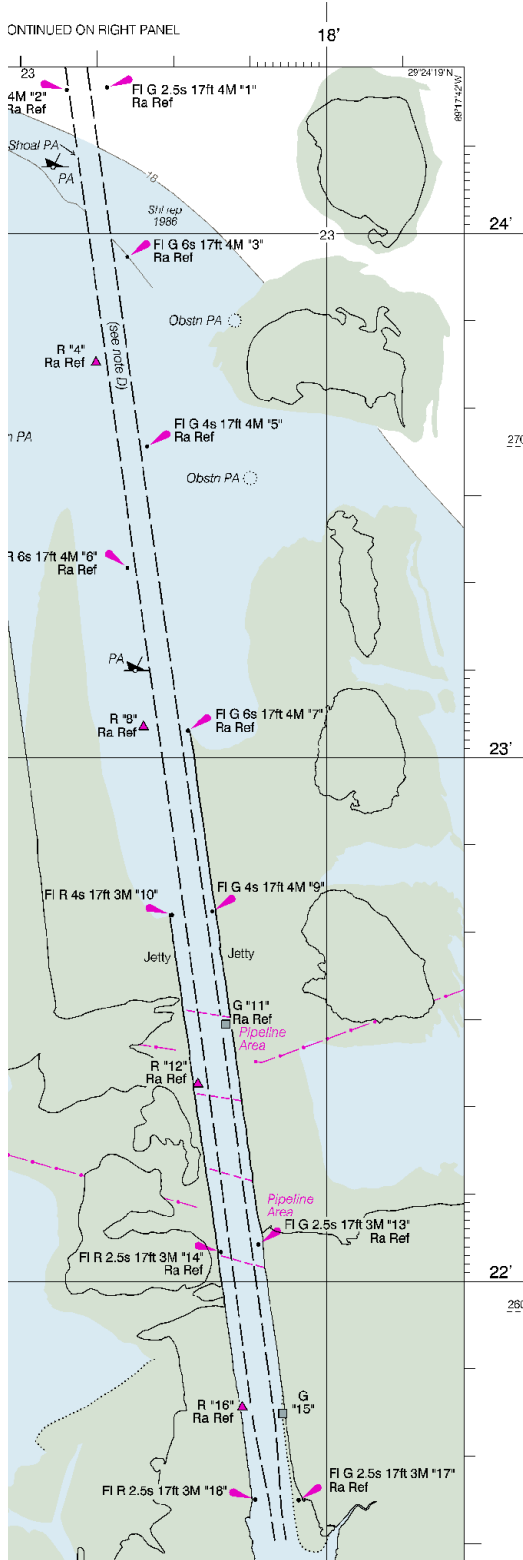
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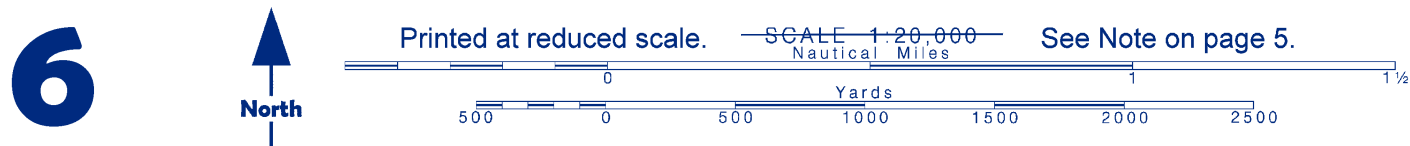
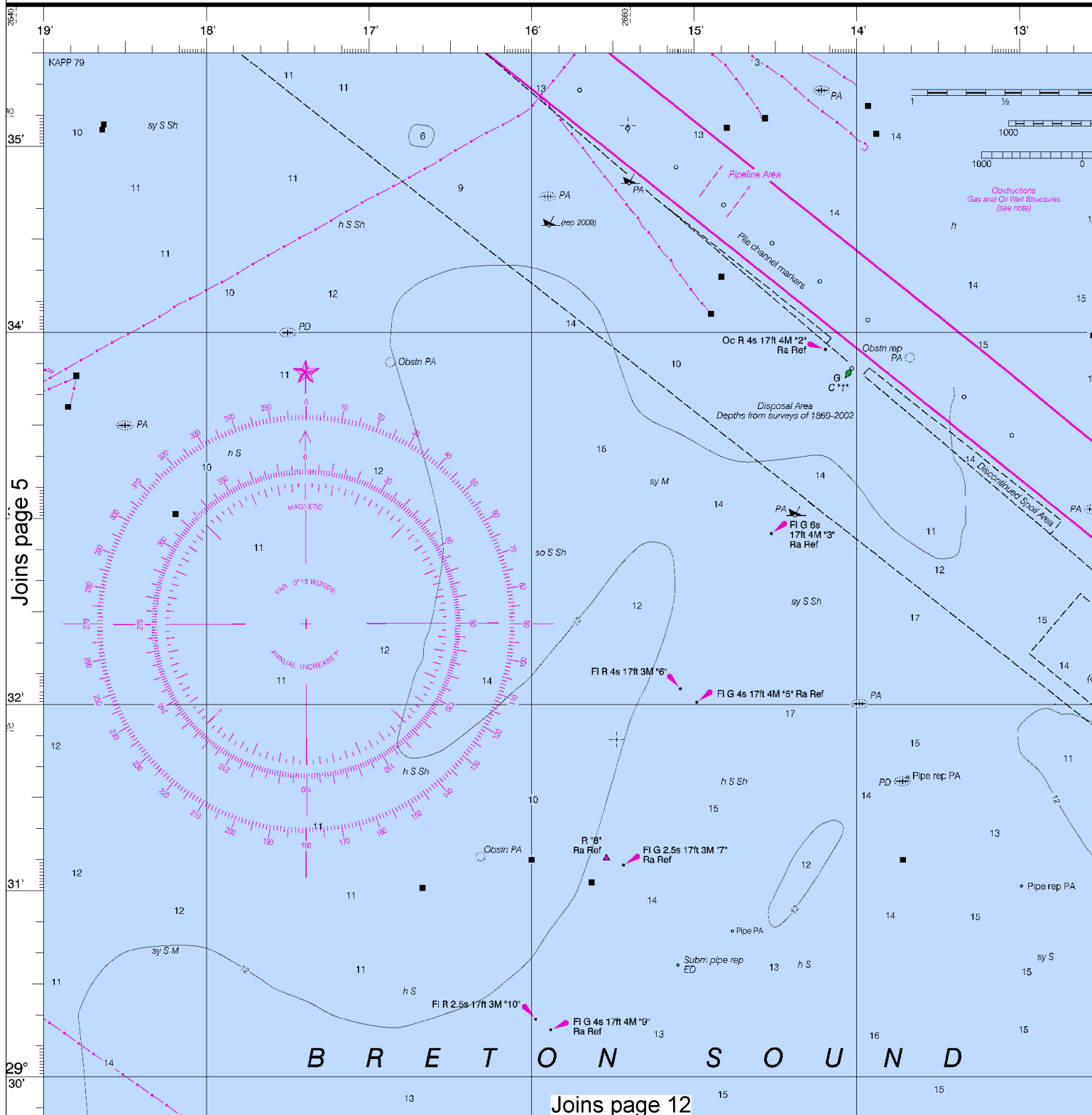
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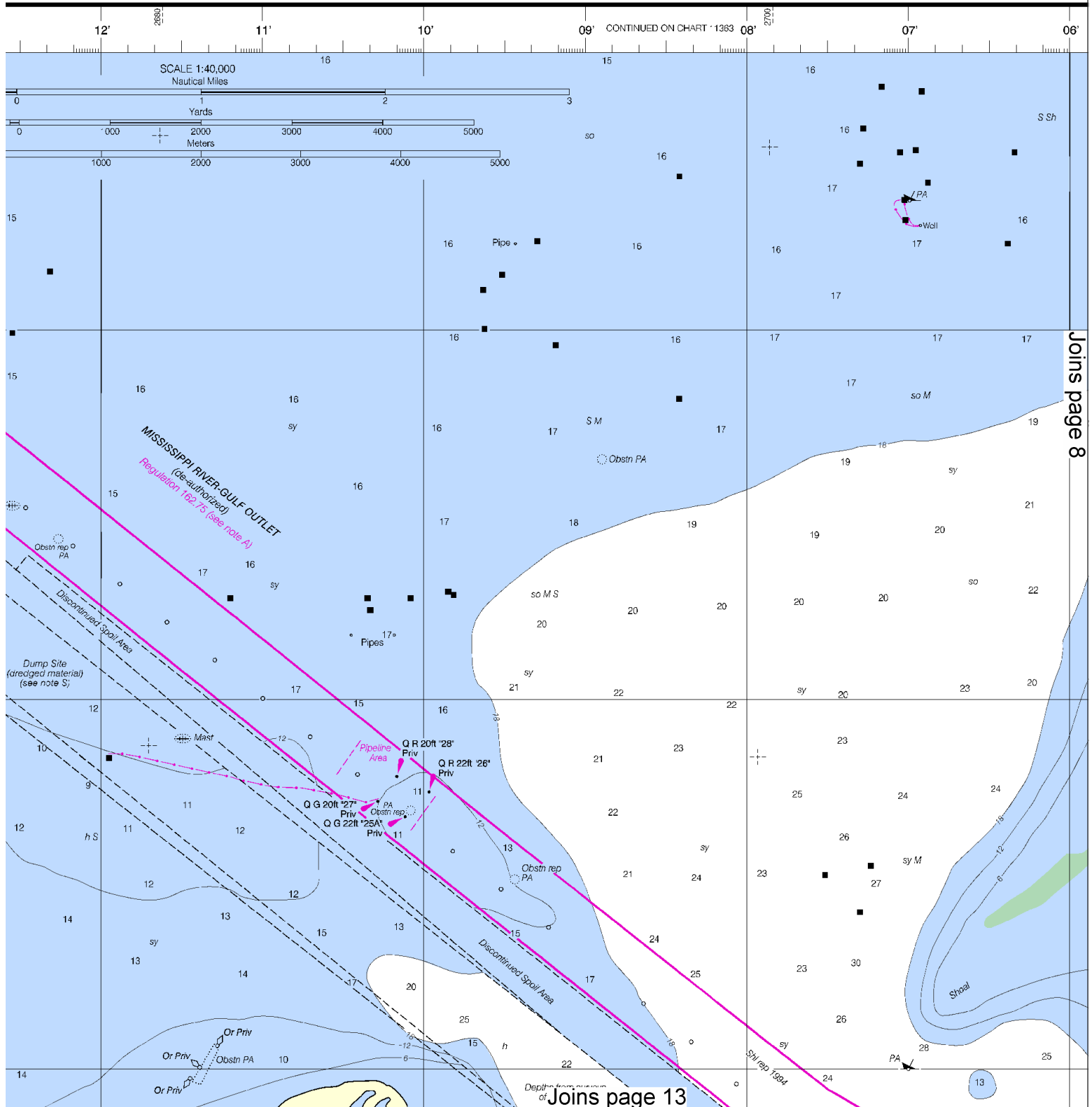
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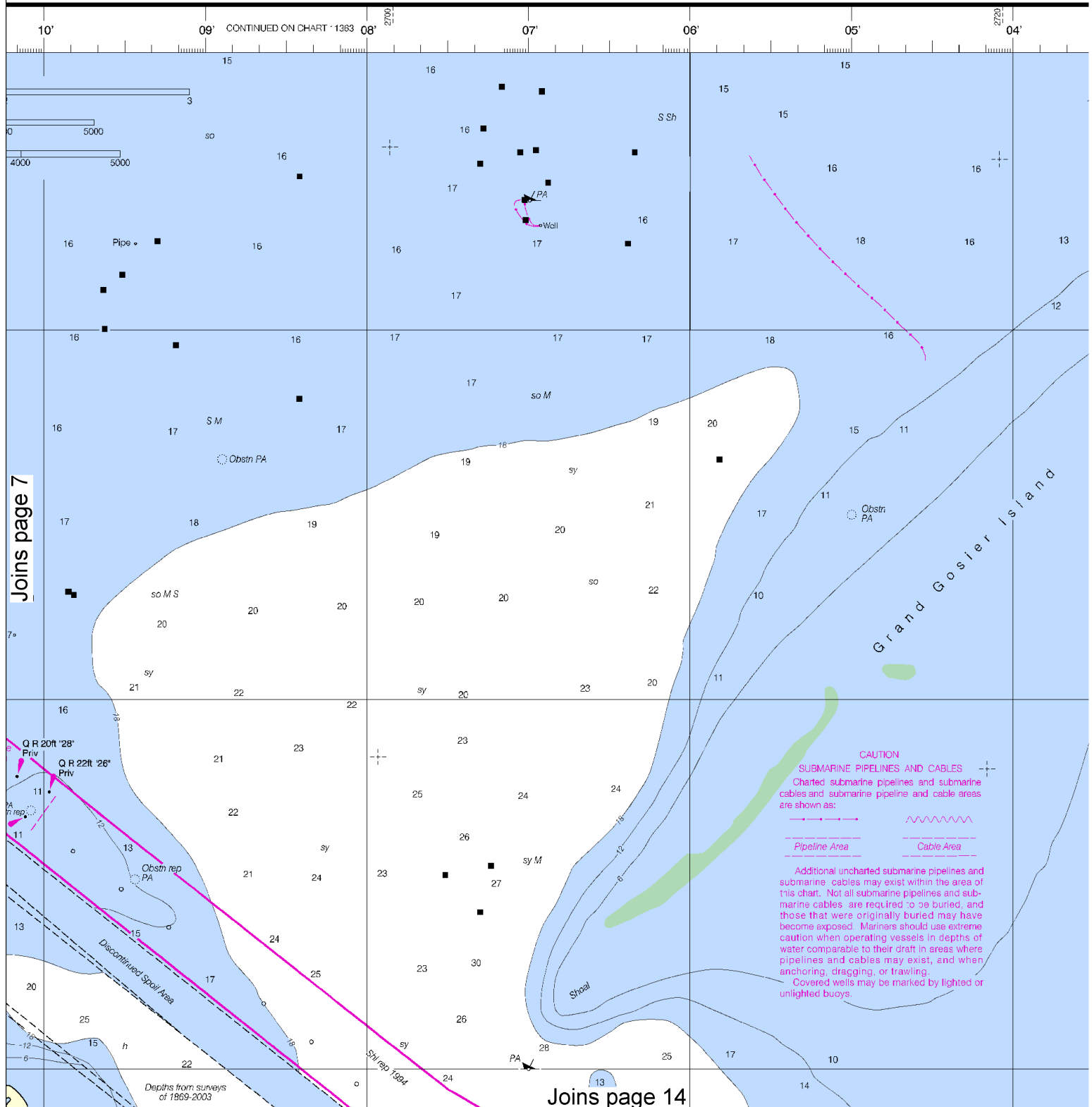
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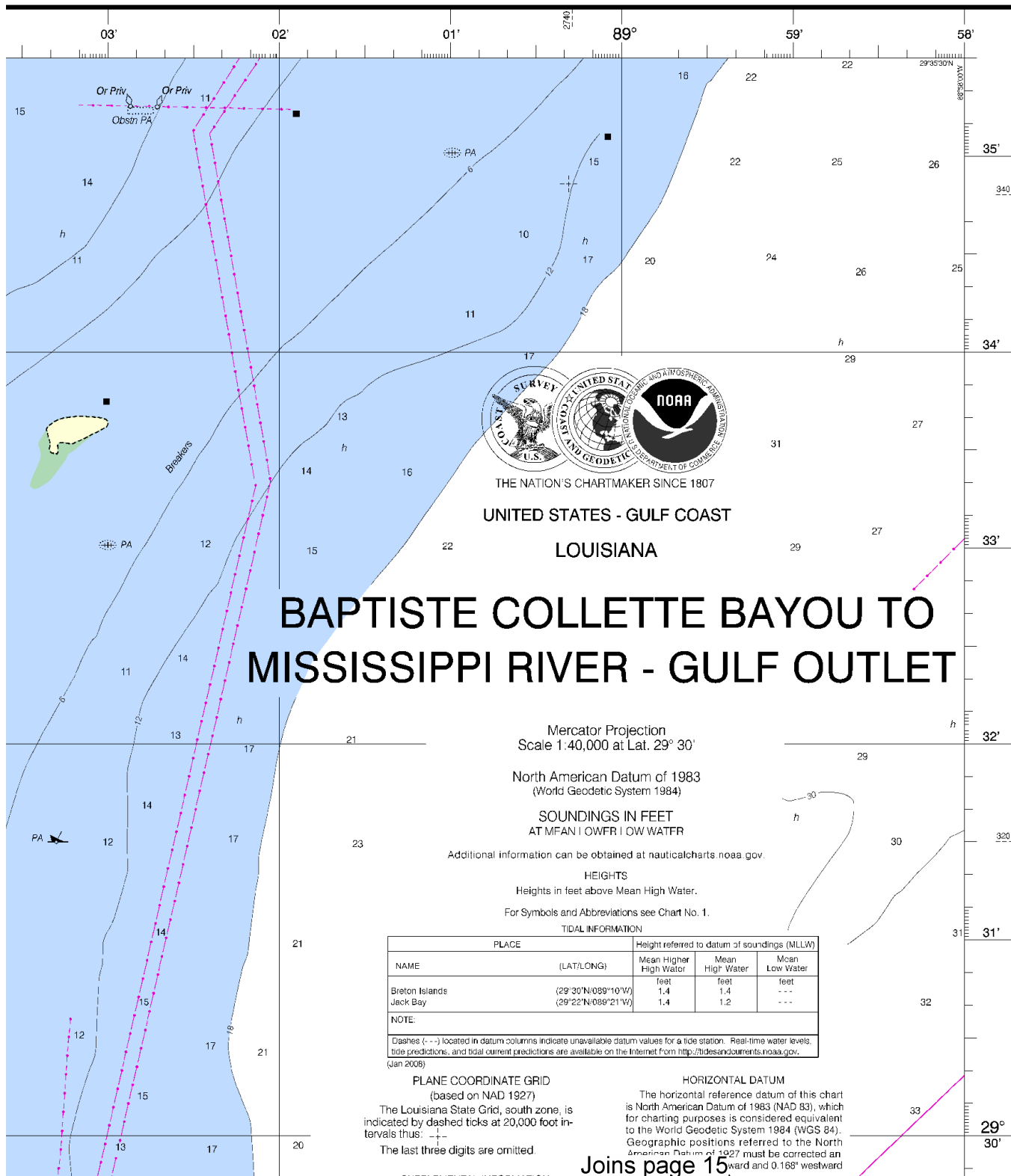
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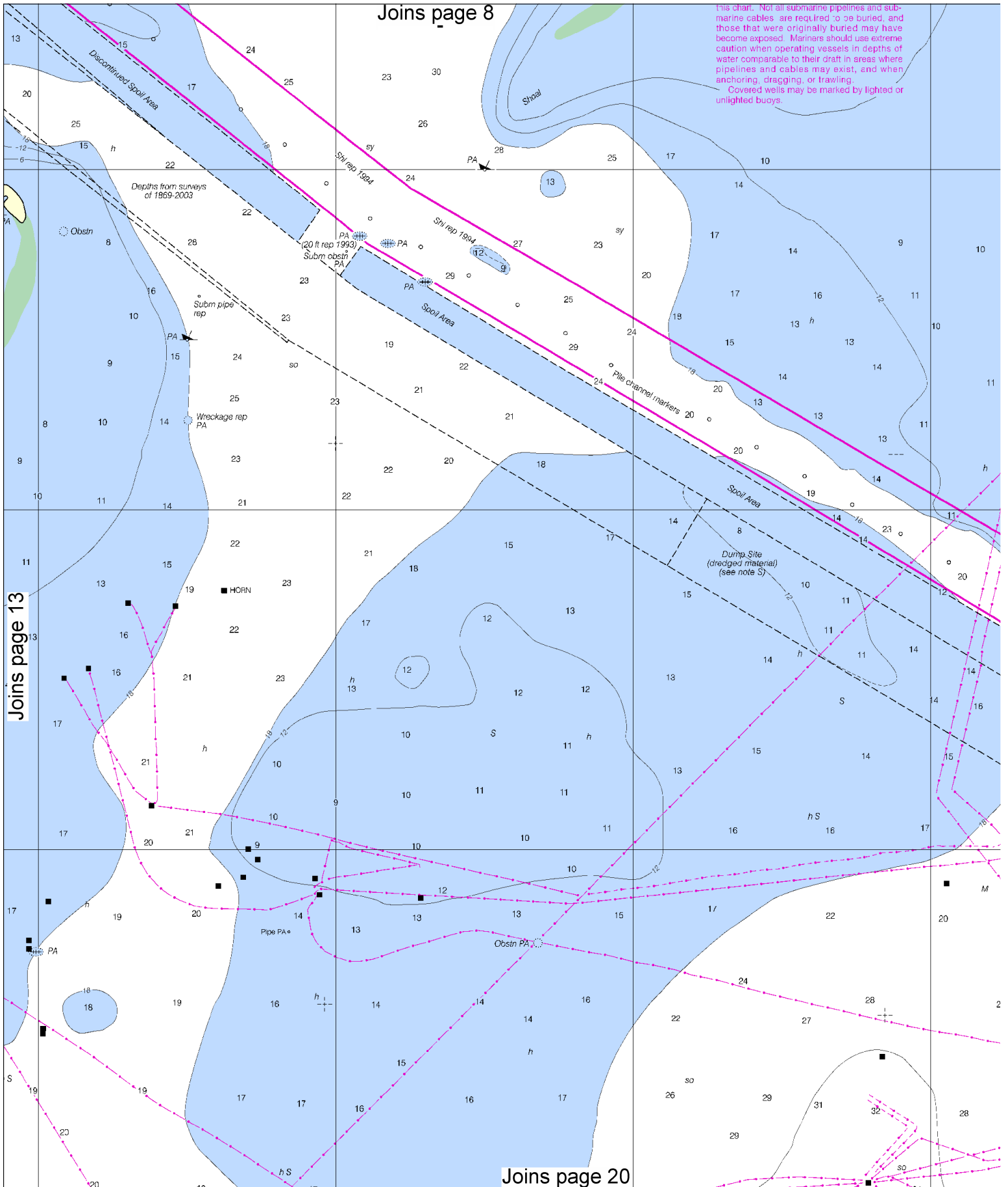
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This nautical chart depicts the Breton Islands, France, with a focus on the area around North Pt. The chart includes the following features:

- Geographical Features:** Breton Islands, North Pt, Shoal Area, and a Discontinued Spoil Area.
- Depth Soundings:** Numerous numerical depth soundings are scattered throughout the chart, indicating water depths in fathoms.
- Navigational Aids:** Various symbols for obstructions (Obstn PA), wrecks (Wreckage rep PA), and navigational markers (e.g., RTR FR Lts, PA, PD, Or Priv).
- Channels and Boundaries:** A Private Aid Mark Channel is highlighted in pink, and a Discontinued Spoil Area is marked with a dashed line.
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- Chart Orientation:** The chart is oriented with North at the top, indicated by a compass rose.
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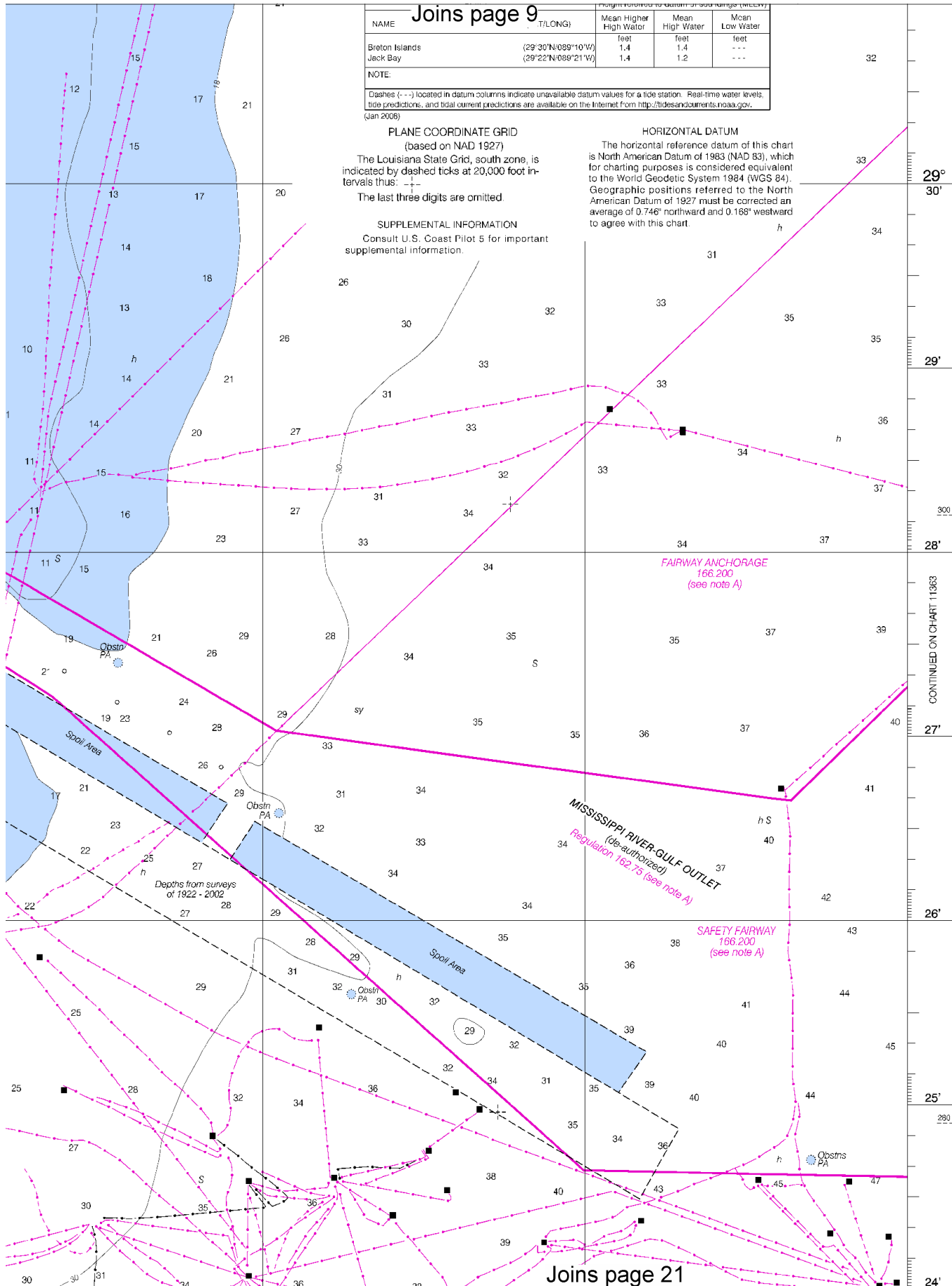
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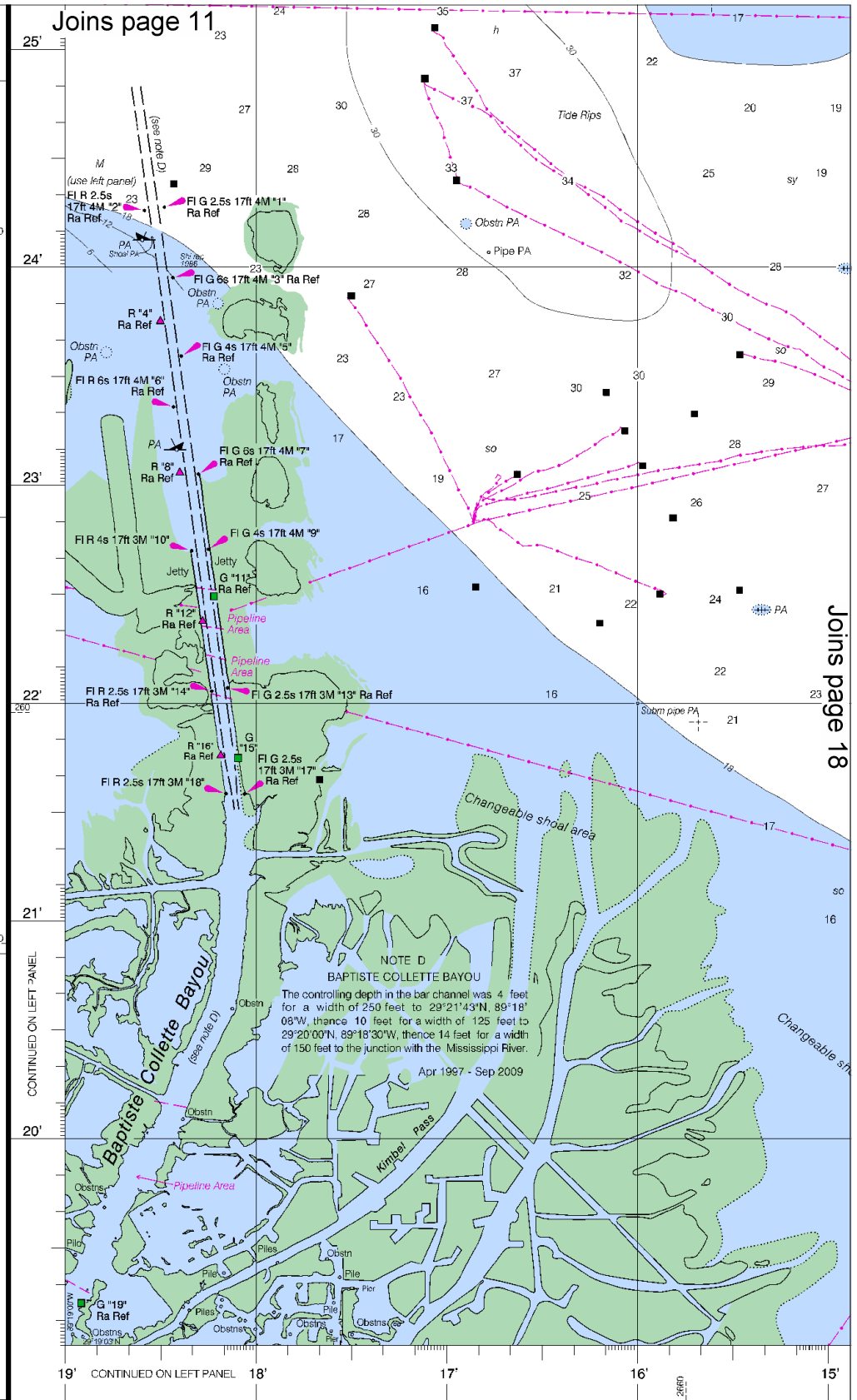
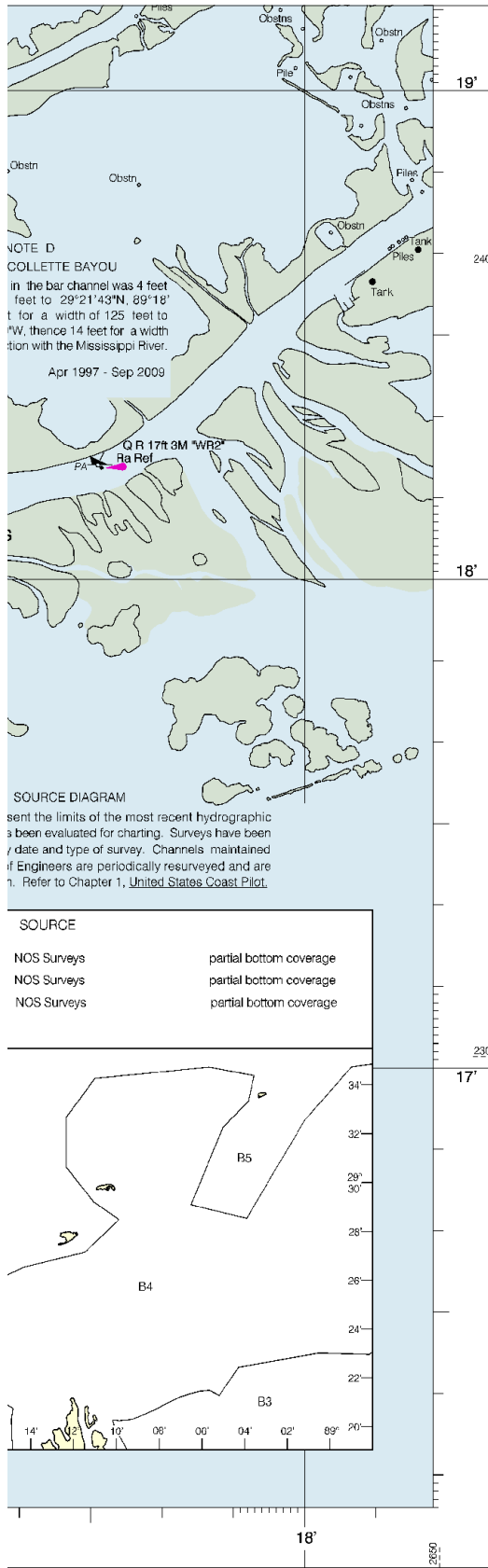
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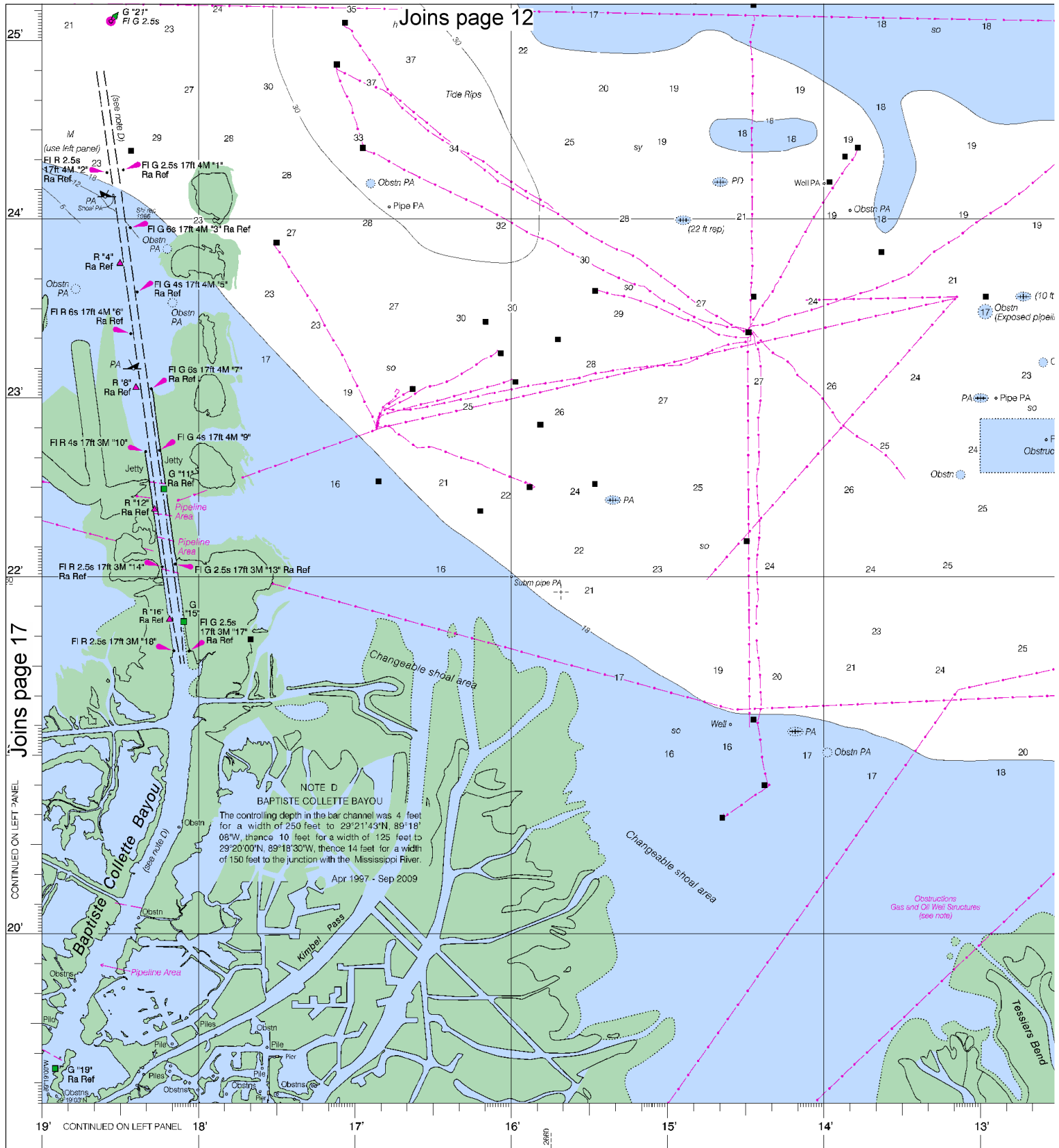
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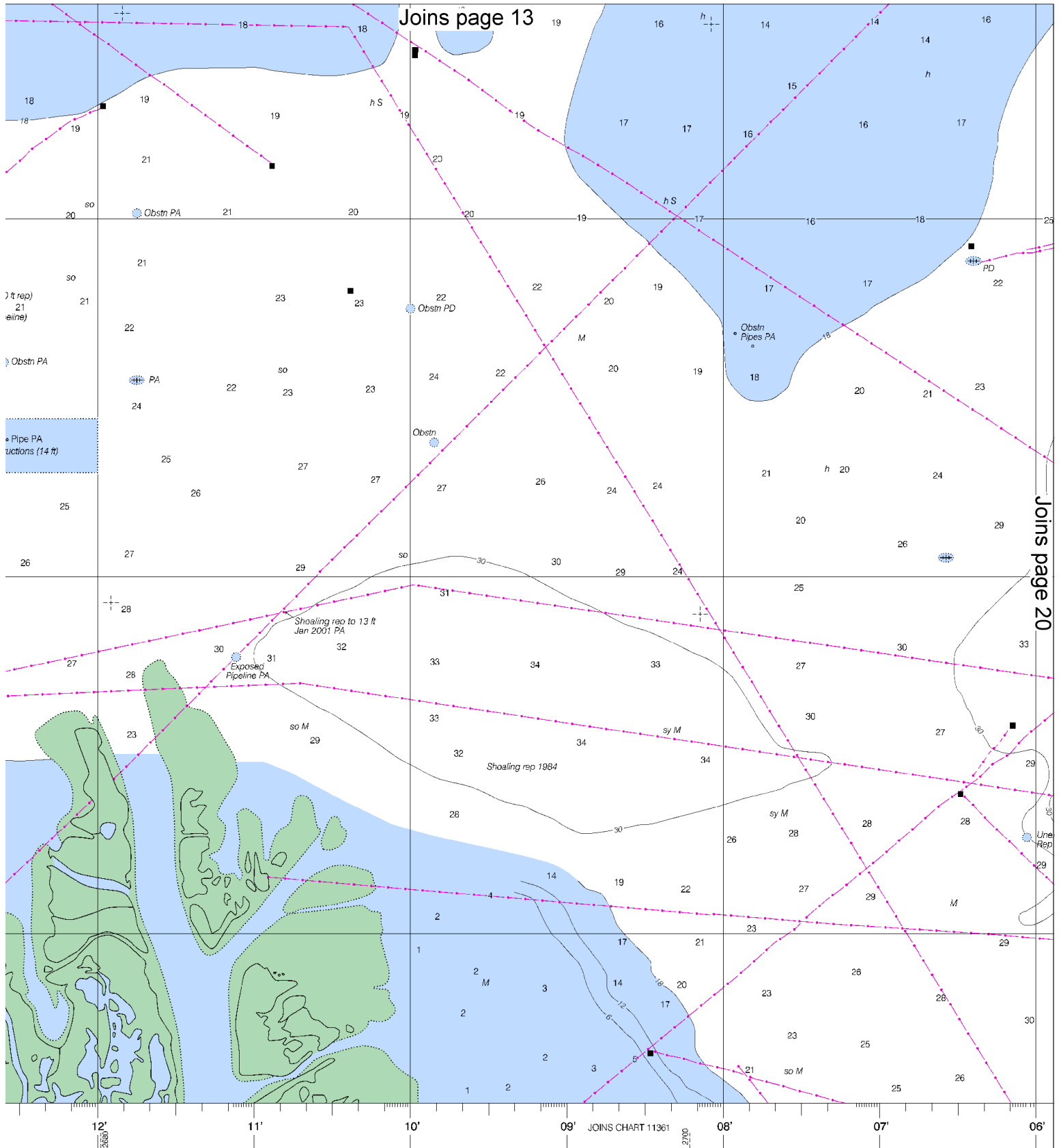
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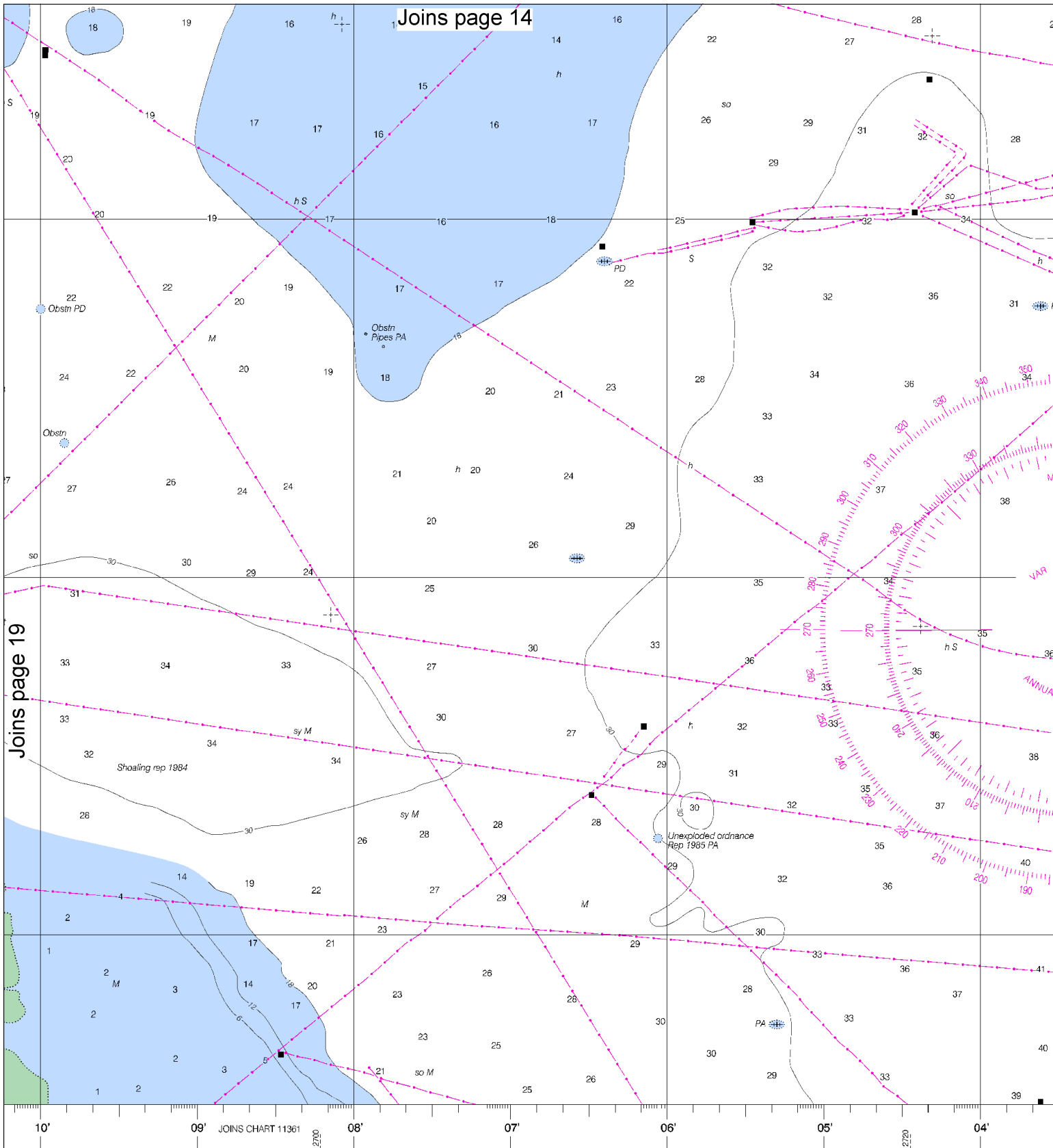
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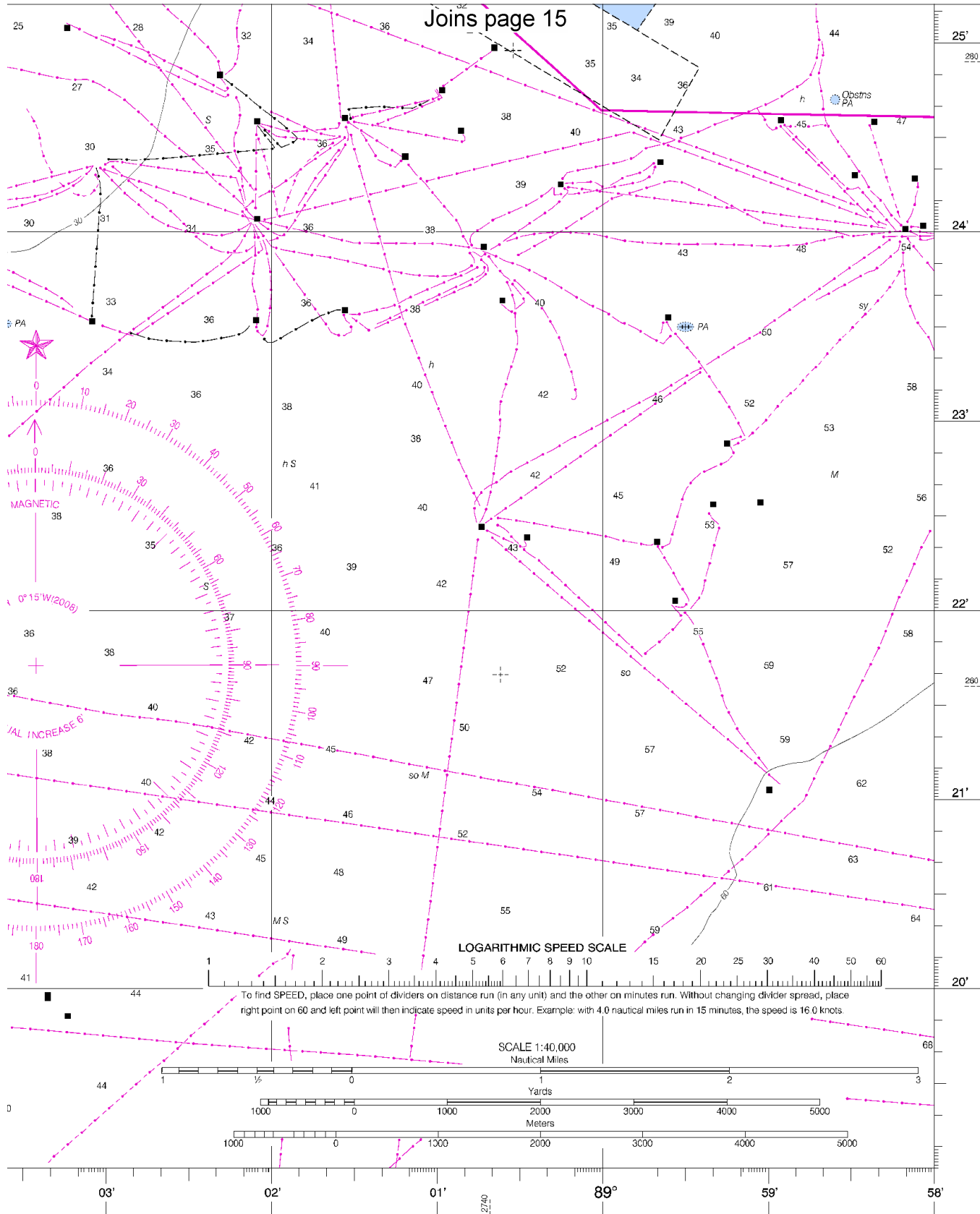


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SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:40,000

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Group New Orleans – 504-846-6162

Coast Guard Station Venice – 985-534-2332

Plaquemines Parish Sheriff – 985-564-9070/2525

LA Wildlife and Fisheries – 800-442-2511

Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd – 757-398-6390

NOAA Weather Radio – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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Internet Sites: www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov, www.NOAA.gov, www.TidesandCurrents.NOAA.gov, www.NOS.NOAA.gov.